

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**INVITATION TO BID NO. 03-192**

**OVERHAUL OF MODEL GP49 LOCOMOTIVES**

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South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an Agency of the State of Florida, operates a Seventy-two (72) mile commuter railroad with eighteen (18) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

**THE PURPOSE** of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to enter into an Agreement with a Contractor to provide services for the complete design, overhaul, manufacture, rebuild, installation, delivery, testing and warranting of five (5) SFRTA existing General Motors Corporation-Electromotive Division (EMD) model GP49 locomotives as specified in the Technical Specifications and the option for one (1) additional vehicle. The equipment is to be used in the operation of SFRTA's push-pull passenger train service on the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC). The completed vehicles must comply with all applicable standards and practices of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other applicable laws and/or regulations of the Federal Government and the State of Florida. The completed equipment will be operated on SFRC line and must meet any locomotive requirements of CSXT. The Period of Performance for this project shall not exceed 365 days from Notice to Proceed.

**A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS** should be directed to Bryan Kohlberg at SFRTA, 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064, (954) 788-7910. The cost of the solicitation documents is \$150.00, non-refundable. Checks or money orders, made in favor of SFRTA, should be forwarded to Bryan Kohlberg at the address above. Solicitation documents will be available on or about Monday, July 12, 2004.

**A PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at SFRTA's Hialeah Rail Yard facility, 9400 N.W. 37 Avenue, Miami, Florida, on Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be for SFRTA to respond to questions from document holders and clarify requirements in an open forum. An on-site inspection of the equipment shall be given at the Pre-Bid Conference. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly recommended.

**REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION** regarding specifications or bid documents must be submitted to SFRTA no less than ten (10) calendar days before the date for Initial Submittals.

**RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS:** All Bids must be received in a sealed envelope no later than 4:00 P.M., Thursday, August 12, 2004, at SFRTA's office at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064. All envelopes must bear the SFRTA provided label which clearly indicates the BIDDER'S NAME, ITB NUMBER, TITLE, AND OPENING DATE.

**BID SECURITY** in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Invitation To Bid.

SFRTA reserves the right to postpone, to accept, or reject any and all Bids in whole or in part. All Bidders must certify that they are not on the State of Florida Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders. All bids must remain in effect for One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the date of Bid openings.

**NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:** 100% of this project is funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Any resultant Agreement shall be subject to all federal rules and regulations.

**DBE PARTICIPATION:** SFRTA solicits and encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. DBEs will be afforded full consideration of their responses and will not be subject to discrimination. SFRTA's DBE program goal is 14% of total contract expenditures.